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The railroad line between Zahony (R49/E90) and Budapest is being improved in order to permit wide-gauge Soviet rolling stock as well as standard-gauge Hungarian equipment to use the same roadbed. The construction of a single track parallel to existent tracks began in mid-April in Zahony. By 25 May about 100 kilometers had been completed and the progress was described as "unusually fast." It is unknown whether the new construction follows the northern rail route to Budapest through Miskolc (R49/J87) or the southern route through Nyiregyhaza (R48/K55) and Debrecen (R48/K40).

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